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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6735th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Afghanistan

   Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (S/2012/133)

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

A thematic debate on "Fostering cross-cultural understanding for building peaceful and inclusive societies" will be held on Thursday, 22 March 2012, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 15 March 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For further information, please contact Mr. Aziz Sevi, Office of the President of the General Assembly (e-mail sevia@un.org; tel. 1 (21 2) 963-4767).

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General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10–11.15 a.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability (A/66/692, A/66/738, A/66/710, A/66/710/Add.1, A/66/380, A/66/380/Add.1, A/65/788 and A/65/788/Add.1))

11.15 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Human Rights Council: financing (A/66/558, A/66/558/Corr.1 and A/66/7/Add.16))

12.30–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Limited budgetary discretion (A/66/570 and A/66/7/Add.18))

3–4 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 142 (Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/66/674))

4–5 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Feasibility study: United Nations Headquarters long-term accommodation (A/66/349 and A/66/7/Add.3 (Chap.V)))

5–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Capital master plan (A/66/527, A/66/527/Add.1, A/66/5 (Vol. V), A/66/324, A/66/7/Add.11 and A/66/179))

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Thematic debate . . . . . [7]

[Official documents, background information and other materials for the Preparatory Committee can be found at <www.poa-iss.org/RevCon2/>. Please *click here* for the list of side events.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Support account for peacekeeping operations

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
One hundred and fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2875th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Consideration of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant . . . . . [7]

Third periodic report of the Guatemala (CCPR/C/GTM/3)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2876th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant . . [10]

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

First round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document

The Preparatory Committee will continue its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document *today,* 20 March, until Thursday, 22 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB); and on Friday, 23 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document and the schedule of subsequent consultations are available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference.

Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Background information on the session is available on the following Web site: <www.uncsd2012.org>. **Please *click here* for the preliminary list of side events.**

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Twenty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 75) (with the States parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Permanent Mission of Japan (866 United Nations Plaza, 3rd Floor)

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 20 March 2012

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A (NLB)

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A (NLB)

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Other activities

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Tuesday, 20 March 2012

Informal briefing on "Follow-up to the Global Plan Towards the Elimination of New HIV Infections Among Children by 2015 and Keeping their Mothers Alive" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Kenya)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. John K. Mosoti, Permanent Mission of Kenya (e-mail mosotijk@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 421-4740).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Tuesday, 20 March 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities

Briefing

The Ombudsperson of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities, Ms. Kimberly Prost, will hold an open briefing for interested Member States, on Thursday, 29 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

At the briefing, the Ombudsperson will provide an update on the work of her office after twenty months of operation, and she will also describe the implementations of the new aspects of her mandate, which were strengthened, pursuant to the adoption of Security Council resolution 1989 (2011).

The Ombudsperson looks forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Third intersessional meeting

The third open-ended informal intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development will be held on Monday, 26, and Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). As this meeting is an informal one, no formal list of speakers will be maintained or opened for pre-inscription. Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, and representatives of intergovernmental organizations and major groups are invited to attend. Background information on the session is available on the following Web site: <www.uncsd2012.org>. Please *click here* for the preliminary list of side events.

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) will be servicing the third intersessional meeting in a PaperSmart way. Delegations and participants attending the meeting are encouraged to carry their mobile devices, including tablets, to avail themselves of the PaperSmart Portal[1]. The Portal is available for delegations participating in the third intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee, at the following address: <http://papersmart.un.org>. For further information, please contact the ISPS Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2025).

[1]The Portal is an initiative of the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat, Meetings and Publishing Division, DGACM. Application development and hosting for the Portal are provided by the Office of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Management, with branding and graphic design provided by the Graphic Design Unit, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold its 340th meeting on Tuesday, 27 March 2012, at 10.30 a.m. in *Conference Room 2 (NLB)*. Ms. Hanan Ashrawi, member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, will brief on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and developments in the political process. All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, as well as interested non-governmental organizations, are invited to attend. The meeting will be open to the media.

Disarmament Commission
2012 substantive session

The 2012 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 April 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 2 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The Secretariat would appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail leong@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Central African Republic configuration

An informal meeting of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room 3 (NLB)*.

Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations

The Economic and Social Council will hold informal consultations on the themes for the humanitarian affairs segment and the Council event to discuss the issue of the transition from relief to development of the 2012 substantive session of the Council. The informal consultations will be co-chaired by the Vice-Presidents of the Council, H.E. Mr. Juan Pablo De Laiglesia (Spain) and H.E. Mr. Desra Percaya (Indonesia), and will take place on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Vice-Chair-designate of the Commission on Population and Development, Mr. William A. Awinador-Kanyirige (Ghana), on behalf of the Chair, will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-fifth session of the Commission, on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 18 April 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 2 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: adolescents and youth), will be held from Monday, 23, to Wednesday, 25 April 2012. The speakers list will be opened in the week beginning Monday, 26 March.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-sixth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-fifth session.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

Wednesday, 21 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

Monday, 26 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (eleventh plenary meeting) (under the chairmanship of the United Arab Emirates)

Thursday, 29 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 30 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Commemorative event on "Building our future" (in observance of the first World Down Syndrome Day (21 March)) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Brazil and Poland, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Children's Fund, Down Syndrome International and other stakeholders)

Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Brazil (Mr. João Alberto Dourado Quintaes (e-mail joao.quintaes@delbrasonu.org; tel. 1 (646) 510-0458)); or the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Fred Doulton (e-mail doultonf@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4466)).]

Special event on the occasion of the consultative meeting on "Volunteering for a sustainable future — Beyond the tenth anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10)" (organized by the United Nations Volunteers programme (UNV))

Conclusions of the consultative meeting on "Inspiration for the next decade: Defining the way forward through strong volunteer coalitions"

Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Church Center for the United Nations (777 United Nations Plaza).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Daphne Casey, UNV (e-mail daphne.casey@unvolunteers.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-3638); or Mr. Jordi Llopart, UNV (e-mail jordi.llopart@unvolunteers.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-3645); or visit <www.unv.org/en.html>.]

Twelfth Infopoverty World Conference on "Who drives the digital revolution? Development through innovation" (co-organized by the United Nations Office for Partnerships, the Observatory for Cultural and Audiovisual Communication, the European Parliament Information Office, the European Commission Office in Milan and the Infopoverty Institute, University of Oklahoma)

Thursday, 22, and Friday, 23 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Antonio Dolce, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail antonio.dolce@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5337).]

Special event on "From World Water Day 2012 on the theme 'Water and food security' to the International Year of Water Cooperation 2013" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan, in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and UN-Water)

Thursday, 22 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Idibek Kalandarov, Permanent Mission of Tajikistan (e-mail tajikistan@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 207-3315).]

UNITAR forum on "Opportunities and challenges for a green economy"

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

DPI/NGO briefing on "The transatlantic slave trade: Honouring the heroes, resisters and survivors"

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Gail Bindley-Taylor, DPI (e-mail sainte@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

High-level briefing on "Broadening the concept of peacekeeping: The contribution of civil society to unarmed protection of civilians" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belgium, Benin, Costa Rica and the Philippines)

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanna Choa-Yu, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail hannachoayu@hotmail.com).]

Women's International Forum on "From the current crises to possible futures" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.]

Panel discussion on "The freedom of expression and the Human Rights Committee's general comment No. 34 (CCPR/C/GC/34)" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Kenya, the Netherlands and Uruguay)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Roos Petersen, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail roos.petersen@minbuza.nl; tel. 1 (212) 519-9609).]

Consultation with Member States on "Treaty body strengthening" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Monday, 2, and Tuesday 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR, New York (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504); or Ms. Natacha Foucard, OHCHR, Geneva (e-mail nfoucard@ohchr.org).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Today, 20 March 2012; and

Thursday, 19 April 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 22 March 2012 *(English)*;

Wednesday, 11 April 2012 *(English)*;

Wednesday, 18 April 2012 *(Spanish)*; and

Wednesday, 25 April 2012 (*French)*.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 17 April 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012;

Thursday, 29 March 2012;

Tuesday, 24 April 2012; and

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Wednesday, 4 April 2012.

Introduction to Electronic Resources (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 12 April 2012.

RSS Feeds (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 24 April 2012.

Social Networking 101: A User Guide to the United Nations Library's Social Media Tools (from 10 to 11.30 a.m.)

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Submission of national reports on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action on Small Arms and the International Tracing Instrument

With reference to General Assembly resolution 66/47 dated 2 December 2011, entitled "The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects" (A/RES/66/47), and Note Verbale ODA/43-2011/SALW-PoA, dated 13 December 2011, from the Office for Disarmament Affairs, Member States are reminded of the submission of national reports on their implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument. Member States that have not yet done so are encouraged to make their submissions in advance of the convening of the Preparatory Committee for the Programme of Action Review Conference (19–23 March 2012). Member States may wish to make use of the reporting template, which enables direct on line submissions of their national reports and is available in the six official languages of the United Nations <www.poa-iss.org/reporting>. A unique user account name and password for on line submissions have been issued to Member States. Submissions may be transmitted on line or in hardcopy to the Office for Disarmament Affairs. For information and assistance, please contact the Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2390).

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 19 March 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

101st plenary meeting

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/66/675) . . . . . [31]

Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/66/659) . . . . . [111]

Joint debate

Statements were made by the representatives of Rwanda (former Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission), Bangladesh (Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission), Tunisia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the European Union (also on behalf of the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic

of Macedonia, Montenegro, Iceland, Serbia and Turkey; the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Belgium, Switzerland, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Japan, China, Nepal, Luxembourg, Brazil, Indonesia, the United Kingdom, Australia, Croatia, Chile, Nigeria, Pakistan, the United States, Morocco, India and Ukraine.

102nd plenary meeting

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/66/675) . . . . . [31]

Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/66/659) . . . . . [111]

Joint debate

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 31 and 111.

Statements were made by the representatives of Liberia, Guinea-Bissau, the Central African Republic, Sierra Leone and Norway.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 31 and 111.

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items . . . . . [7]

The General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 115.

Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/540/Add.1) . . . . . [115 (b)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 115.

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 3 of its report (A/66/540/Add.1), appointed Mr. Kazuo Watanabe (Japan) and Mr. Dae-jong Yoo (Republic of Korea) as members of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 19 March 2012 and ending on 31 December 2012 and 31 December 2014, respectively.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (b) of agenda item 115.

Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/746) . . . . . [115 (l)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 3 of its report (A/66/746), appointed Mr. Luis Mariano Hermosillo (Mexico) as a member of the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on 19 March 2012 and ending on 31 December 2013.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (l) of agenda item 115.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

1st meeting

Opening of the meeting . . . . . [1]

The meeting was opened by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.

Election of the Chair of the Preparatory Committee . . . . . [2]

H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Nigeria) was elected, by acclamation, as Chair of the Preparatory Committee.

Election of other officers . . . . . [3]

The Preparatory Committee elected, by acclamation, the following countries as Vice-Chairs: Brazil, Czech Republic, Germany, Guyana, Hungary, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, New Zealand, Peru and Romania.

Adoption of the rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee . . . . . [4]

The Preparatory Committee decided to follow the rules of procedure, contained in document A/CONF.192/2006/RC/5.

Adoption of the agenda of the Preparatory Committee . . . . . [5]

The Preparatory Committee adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document A/CONF.192/2012/PC/L.1.

A statement was made by the representative of the European Union.

Organization of work . . . . . [6]

The Chair introduced the indicative programme of work, as contained in document A/CONF.192/2012/PC/CRP.1.

A statement was made by the representative of Algeria.

Thematic debate . . . . . [7]

Statements were made by Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Mauritania (on behalf of the Arab Group), Japan, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), Cuba, Switzerland, Norway, New Zealand, the Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Belize, the United Republic of Tanzania and China.

A statement was made by the representative of the European Union.

2nd meeting

Thematic debate . . . . . [7]

Statements were made by Argentina (on behalf of MERCOSUR and associated States), Panama, India, Pakistan, Germany, South Africa, Serbia, Nigeria, Peru, the Philippines, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Jamaica, the United States, France, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Australia, Colombia, the Russian Federation, Turkey, Switzerland, Kenya, Jordan, New Zealand and Germany.

A statement was made by the representative of the European Union.

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

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H.E. Mr. Chitsaka Chipaziwa

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H.E. Mrs. Jane Chigiyal

Eastern European States:
Albania
H.E. Mr. Ferit Hoxha

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Grenada
H.E. Ms. Dessima Williams

Western European and other States:
San Marino
H.E. Mr. Daniele Bodini

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